absolutely necessary for operational reasons, fuel monitoring and tankering, control on aircraft maintenance, reduction in publicity and sales promotional expenditure, review of uneconomic flights, inventory management, outsourcing of services to the extent feasible etc.

SC/ST employees sent abroad for training

2440. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether approach course at Civil Aviation Training College, Allahabad is an eligibility for Senior Supdt. (Aerodrome) as Assistant Manager, if so, the rules and practices thereunder;

(b) the number of Senior Supdt. (Aerodrome) sent for training since 1999 and the number of them belonging to SC/ST; and

(c) whether the letter dated 2nd April, 1993 of NAA for specialized technical training abroad for SC/ST officers has been implemented; if so, the number of such officers sent for training abroad so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the Recruitment and Promotion rules Senior Superintendent (Aerodrome) who have completed five years regular services and successfully undergone Integrated ADC Approach Control Course are eligible for promotion as Assistant Manager (Air Traffic Control).

(b) Since, 1999, 81 Senior Superintendent (Aerodrome) including 8 Scheduled Caste and 13 Scheduled Tribe officers were sent for training.

(c) After issue of letter dated 2nd April, 1993, 24 officers belonging to Scheduled Caste and 2 officers belonging to Scheduled Tribe have been sent abroad for training.

Import of poor quality chocolates

2441. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that consequent on removal of quantitative restrictions on a number of objects, it is found that imported goods are st.'e, spoilt and chocolates taste is stinking and have fungus;